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SUBJ: TURKISH REACTION TO THE ARMENIAN ISSUE CONTINUES

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1. TRUKISH PUBLIC REACTION TO THE HELSOSKI RESOLUTION AND THE ARMENIAN ISSUE CONTINUED FOR A THIRD DAY APRIL 18 WITH A FRONT-PAGE REPORT IN THE LEADING DAILY MILLIYET THAT ARMENIAN GROUPS IN SUCH COUNTRIES AS THE U.S., FRANCE, WEST GERMANY AND GREECE ARE ORGANIZING PROTESTS AGAINST TURKEY. THE NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT 250,000 ARMENIANS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE APRIL 24 DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE U.S., SPECIAL MESSAGES WILL BE SENT TO PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER, SECURITY PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AT THE TURKISH CONSULATE IN LOS ANGELES, AND THAT THE ARMENIANS HAVE ORGANIZED A BOYCOTT OF TURKISH GOODS.

2. MEANWHILE, IN ANKARA 34 FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (METU) HAVE SENT A MESSAGE TO THE PARLIAMENT URGING THE PROCLAMATION OF MARCH 16 AS THE "DAY OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN" IN COMMEMORATION OF THE MY LAI MASSACRE, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. IN AN EDITORIAL COMMENT, YASAR AYSEV (BARIS) SAID THAT GREECE IS COOPERATING WITH THE

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ARMENIANS TO CREATE ANIMOSITY TOWARD TURKEY THROUGHOUT THE

WORLD, HE ADDED: "IT SEEMS THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS IS DETERMINED
TO ABANDON TURKEY COMPELTELY.... WHEN WE NOTE THAT THE U.S.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS ADOPTED A NEW
RESOLUTION CONDEMNING TURKEY ON THE PRETEXT OF THE ARMENIAN ISSUE,
WE CANNOT (RPT NOT) HAVE MUCH HOPE ABOUT THE RESUMPTION OF
(U.S. MILITARY) AID."
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